

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for validating credentials comprising:
determining, at a first system that grants session credentials, that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the first system;
retrieving, at the first system, information from a session token held by the client, the information corresponding to a possible session credential for a second system that grants session credentials;
presenting at least some of the information from the session token to the second system; and
determining whether the client has a valid session credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system.

2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising granting a session credential to the client ~~on~~ by the first system, after determining that the client has a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the second system.

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising sending a session token to the client, the token corresponding to ~~the a~~ a session credential ~~on~~ granted by the first system.

4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising

directing the client to the second system to establish a session credential, after determining that the client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the second system.

5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising directing the client to the first system to establish a session credential, after determining that the client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the second system.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising maintaining the client session credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein determining whether the client has a valid credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system is at least partially from presenting at least some of the information from the session token.

8. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein retrieving information from the session token held by the client comprises:

sending a query to the client from the first system, the query including identification as originating from a domain name corresponding to the second system; and receiving a response to the query.

9. (currently amended) A method for validating session credentials of a client comprising:

determining, at a first system that grants session credentials, that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the first system;

retrieving, at the first system, information from a session token held by the client, the information corresponding to a session credential for a second system that grants session credentials, wherein retrieving information from the session token held by the client comprises receiving a session token from the client corresponding to the second system;

presenting at least some of the information from the session token to the second system;

determining whether the client has a valid session credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system, wherein determining whether the client has a valid credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system is at least partially from presenting information from the session token;

granting a session credential to the client on the first system, after determining that the client has a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the second system;

sending a session token to the client, the token corresponding to the session credential ~~on~~ granted by the first system; and

maintaining the client session credentials.

10. (currently amended) Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the code for validating credentials, the code comprising:

code to determine, at a first system that grants session credentials, that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the first system;

code to retrieve, at the first system, information from a session token held by the client, the information corresponding to a possible session credential for a second system that grants session credentials;

code to present at least some of the information from the session token to the second system; and

code to determine whether the client has a valid session credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system.

11. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer executable code stored thereon, the code for validating credentials, the code comprising:

code to determine, at a first system that grants session credentials, that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the first system;

code to retrieve, at the first system, information from a session token held by the client, the information corresponding to a possible session credential for a second system that grants session credentials;

code to present at least some of the information from the session token to the second system; and

code to determine whether the client has a valid session credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system.

12. (currently amended) A programmed computer for validating credentials, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory, wherein the program code comprises:

code to determine, at a first system that grants session credentials, that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the first system;

code to retrieve, at the first system, information from a session token held by the

client, the information corresponding to a possible session credential for a second system that grants session credentials;

code to present at least some of the information from the session token to the second system; and

code to determine whether the client has a valid session credential ~~with~~ granted by the second system.

13. (currently amended) A method for establishing session credentials comprising:

determining that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by a first system or a second system;

sending, from the first system to the client, a log in page;

receiving, at the first system from the client, log in information;

sending, from the first system to the second system, the log in information; and

receiving, at the first system from the second system, information corresponding to a session credential ~~for~~ granted by the second system, the session credential granted by the second system based at least in part on the log in information.

14. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~11~~ 13, further comprising granting a session credential for the first system.

15. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~11~~ 13, further comprising granting a session credential for the second system.

16. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~44~~ 13, further comprising associating session credentials for the first system and the second system with the client.

17. (currently amended) A method for establishing session credentials comprising:

determining that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by a first system or a second system;

sending, from the second system to the client, a log in page;

receiving, at the second system from the client, log in information; and

sending, from the second system to the first system, information corresponding to a session credential ~~for~~ granted by the second system, the session credential granted by the second system based at least in part on the log in information; and

granting a session credential for the first system.

18. (original) A method according to claim 17, further comprising granting a session credential for the second system.

19. (original) A method according to claim 17, further comprising associating session credentials for the first system and the second system with the client.

20. (currently amended) A method for validating credentials comprising:

determining, at a first system that grants session credentials, that a client does not have a valid session credential ~~for~~ granted by the first system;

redirecting the client to a second system that grants session credentials;

sending, from the second system to the first system, session credentials ~~for~~ granted
by the second system;

sending, from the first system to the second system, the session credentials ~~for~~
granted by the second system;

determining, at the second system, that the session credentials ~~for~~ granted by the
second system, and received from the first system, are valid; and

sending, from the second system to the first system, information indicating that
the session credentials ~~for~~ granted by the second system are valid.

21. (original) A method according to claim 20, further comprising granting the
client session credentials for the first system.